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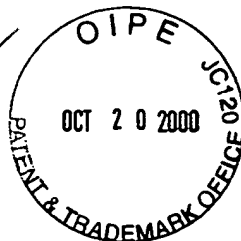
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

PCT/JP00/00994 ✓
 -filed February 22, 2000

Re: Application of Fumio Takahashi ✓
 PNEUMATIC TIRE ✓
 Our Ref: Q61378



Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 18 sheet(s) of formal drawings.
- ☒ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☐ a Form PTO-1449 listing the ISR references, and a complete copy of each reference.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and references cited therein, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by § 371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

Priority is claimed from February 22, 1999 based on Japanese Application No. 11-43208.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	21	-	20	=	1	x	\$18.00	=	\$18.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$860.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$878.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEE	\$918.00

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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$878.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to said Account. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,


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